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# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 24-HOUR REPORT

**14 MARCH 2019**

### **(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

#### **(U) Arizona – 400 Migrants in 48 Hours Near Lukeville Port-of-Entry**

(U) Tucson – US Border Patrol agents encountered a large group of Central Americans after they illegally entered the country and surrendered to agents west of the Lukeville port-of-entry. The group consisted of 124 individuals, mostly family units from Central America, and included 14 unaccompanied juveniles. Similar to the previous groups that have easily crossed through the area over the last few months, it consisted of Nationals from Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras. Within 48 hours, agents have had nearly 400 Central American migrants surrender to them in this area.

SOURCE: 13 March 2019, [Arizona Daily Independent](#)

#### **(U) Texas – Rio Grande Valley Sector Border Patrols Arrest 1,000 in 24 Hours**

(U) Granjeno – US Border Patrol agents in the Rio Grande Valley apprehend the largest group encountered in the area so far this year, apprehending 289 illegal aliens during one event. In all, Rio Grande Valley Sector Border Patrol arrested over 1,000 illegal aliens within the last 24 hours during multiple apprehension events.

SOURCE: 13 March 2019, [US CBP Press Release](#)

### **(U) NATIONAL**

#### **(U) Missouri – FBI Files Drug Trafficking Charges for Meth Trafficking Through US Postal Service**

(U) Joplin – The FBI filed charges against a Joplin man for trafficking meth through the US Postal Service, yesterday. On February 8th, 2019, the Ozarks Drug Enforcement Team got information indicating that large amounts of meth were being shipped through the USPS from Bakersfield, California to a home on West Bell Center Road in Joplin, Missouri.

SOURCE: 13 March 2019, [KOAM](#)

### **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

#### **(U) Brazil – School Shooting Leaves Multiple Students and School Employees Dead**

(U) São Paulo – Two gunmen wearing face masks entered a Brazilian school yesterday, and shot and killed at least five teenagers who were on their snack breaks, as well as two school officials, before fatally turning their guns on themselves, police said. Before entering the Raul Brasil school in the Sao Paulo city of Suzano, the assailants, aged 17 and 25 and both former pupils, shot and killed the owner of a car rental agency from which they had stolen a vehicle. Ten people, including the gunmen, were killed in total, Sao Paulo police said.

SOURCE: 13 March 2019, [Reuters](#)

#### **(U) Georgia – Two Detained For Attempting to Sell Radioactive Uranium**

(U) Tbilisi – Two people who were handling and trying to sell \$2.8 million worth of radioactive uranium-238, which can be developed into nuclear bomb material, were detained by Georgian authorities yesterday. In disclosing the arrests in the Georgian Black Sea town of Kobuleti, the state security service

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did not say whether the two, whom it said were part of a criminal gang, had a buyer for the uranium-238 or where they had acquired it. Uranium-238 is the least radioactive uranium isotope and makes up more than 99 percent of natural uranium. It cannot be used to produce the chain reaction needed for nuclear weapons, which uranium-235 is suitable for.

SOURCE: 13 March 2019, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Mexico – Thousands Evacuated from BBVA's Mexico City Office after Bomb Threat**

(U) Mexico City – Eleven thousand people were evacuated from the Mexico City offices of Spanish bank BBVA following emails and phone calls warning of “a possible explosive device,” yesterday. BBVA said in a statement that it did not believe the threats were real, but evacuated its headquarters and its Parques Bacomer offices as a precaution. A bomb-detection team did not find any explosive devices after searching for two hours.

SOURCE: 13 March 2019, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Somalia – US Airstrikes on Al-Shabaab after Group Attacks Convoy**

(U) Mogadishu – The US conducted an airstrike in Somalia on 11 March after Somali forces and their accompanying US military advisers were attacked by al-Shabaab militants, marking the 25<sup>th</sup> US airstrike in Somalia this year. Eight al-Shabaab terrorists are reported dead, while all US service members are accounted for and uninjured. The US-advised Somali forces are driving forward, forcing al-Shabaab to fight or retreat, and therefore exposing the insurgents to US airstrikes, a US defense official said.

SOURCE: 13 March 2019, [CNN](#)

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